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Byrnes Sets Conference With Messersmith Today

Secretary of State Byrnes arranged a conference in his office today with George S. Messersmith, American Ambassador to Argentina, who is reported convinced that Argentine President Peron is making an honest effort to fulfill his "Good Neighbor" promises.

Mr. Byrnes has made it clear that the conference does not imply a review of policy toward the Peron regime, with which he has refused to negotiate an inter-American defense treaty until it actually carries out pledges to rid Argentina of Nazi agents and influence.

He told a recent news conference that he wanted to consult Mr. Messersmith, a veteran career diplomat who was Ambassador to Mexico during the war, about a matter affecting Latin America generally.